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1. PRESIDENT-ELECT GUZMAN RECEIVED AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT IN RESPONSE OUR REQUEST. HE HAS BEEN IN HIS HOME AREA, THE CIBAO, FOR THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS RENEWING CONTACTS AND PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES ON HIS CABINET (COMPOSITION OF WHICH IS STILL BEING CLOSELY HELD).

2. GUZMAN WAS MOST APPRECIATE OF BEING CONSULTED ON THE BOLIVIAN QUESTION. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE HEMISPHERE-WIDE NATURE OF U.S. INTEREST IN ENCOURAGING DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND NOTED HIS APPRECIATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS PRESENT CONSULTATION ON BOLIVIA FOR THE CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE USG AND HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. ON SUBSTANCE, GUZMAN SAID THAT THE BOLIVIAN SITUATION WOULD NOT IN HIS OPINION AFFECT DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENTS IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY. DOMINICANS READ A LITTLE ABOUT BOLIVIA AND THE POLITICAL COGNOSCENTI FROM TIME TO TIME DRAW UNFAVORABLE COMPARISONS BETWEEN CURRENT POLITICAL
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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN BOLIVIA. THE SITUATION HERE, HOWEVER, IS SUI GENERIS (HIS WORDS) AND WILL NOT NOW BE AFFECTED IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BY WHAT THE PRINCIPAL ACTORS IN BOLIVIA MAY DO.

4. GUZMAN THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE FELT REASSURED AFTER HIS RECENT SESSIONS WITH THE DOMINICAN MILITARY

(S.D. 4075 AND 4138) AND THOUGHT THAT THINGS REMAINED
UNDER CONTROL ON THAT SIDE. NIVAR WAS STILL A
PROBLEM BUT HE CONTINUED TO THINK THIS
WAS CONTAINABLE GIVEN THE ATTITUDES EVINced
BY OTHER OFFICERS LESS OBSTRUCTIVELY INCLINED.
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